

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**  
**April 11, 2012**  
**BEDFORD TOWN HALL**

- CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Bruce Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the lower level conference room.
- ROLL CALL:** Members Present: Chairman Bruce Murphy, Clerk John Linz, member Ron Cordes, and Associate Assessor Bruce Morgan.
- GUESTS:** None
- MINUTES:** The minutes for the meeting of April 4, 2012 were provided. John Linz made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ron Cordes. A minor change was proposed and a unanimous vote was taken on the motion to approve the minutes as amended.
- BUSINESS:**
1. Bruce Morgan talked about a state law that allows communities to deny a building permit if Personal Property taxes haven't been paid for at least one year.
  2. Bruce Morgan related to the Board that WBZ called the office and spoke with Robert Hilsinger regarding the abatement for the property at 263 Old Billerica Road. The Board requested that there be a new office policy that all future inquiries from the media be handled by Bruce Morgan.
  3. The abatement application hearing for the property at 106 Old Billerica Road will be scheduled for April 25 if possible.
  4. Robert Hilsinger, Assistant Assessor, has announced that his last day of work will be May 4, after which he will be officially retired.
  5. Bruce Morgan will clarify the status of the FY12 budget for the next Board meeting.
  6. Three residential abatement applications, three commercial abatement applications, and eight personal property abatement applications were discussed and decided. All of the residential property applications were approved: 26 Battle Flagg Rd to \$945,000; 12 Coachmen Lane to \$820,100; and 17 Neillian Way to \$375,000. All of the commercial properties were approved as follows: 184 Hartwell Rd from state class 440 to 130 (no value change); 23 Crosby Dr to \$2,542,300; and 138 Great Rd to \$610,000 plus a change in the commercial/residential ratio for this mixed-use property. The approved personal property abatements were: MetroPCS Communications (account 116292) to \$81,930 and Grantham, Mayo, Van Otterloo and Co. LLC (account 116328) to \$0.

Personal property denials were: Stop and Shop (account 100620); Blackfriars Bridge LLC (account 115260); Dell Financial Services (account 116200); New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (accounts 113270 and 114600); and Verizon New England Inc. (account 100980).

7. Signatures were completed as required.

**Adjournment:**

Being no other business, John Linz made a motion to adjourn the Open Meeting, seconded by Ron Cordes. There was no discussion on the motion and all members present voted affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 PM.

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Bruce Morgan, Associate Assessor

Approved by the BOA April 18, 2012

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John Linz, Clerk